

Free Income Tax Assistance for Households Earning Less Than \$49,000

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This year's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program launches January 23 at 18 sites throughout Northern Virginia. Locally known as the Northern Virginia CASH Campaign – Creating Assets, Savings and Hope – the program offers free tax preparation services to working families and individuals who earned less than \$49,000 in 2009.

Last year's VITA program in Northern Virginia resulted in tax refunds of over \$4.4 million for low-income families and individuals. A local coalition of public agencies, businesses, libraries, faith and community-based groups operates the program, which is coordinated by Fairfax County's Department of Family Services.

Starting January 23, 2010, and running through April 2010, IRS certified volunteers at 18 sites in Northern Virginia will help make sure that low-income families and individuals receive the maximum tax refund to which they are entitled and help determine if they are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit.

"This service is so important because it informs people about the Earned Income Tax Credit and other assistance that may be available to help them afford basic necessities such as rent and food," said Dai Nguyen, Employment and Training Program manager for the Fairfax County Department of Family Services.

People seeking tax preparation assistance should bring the following:

- Photo ID
- Social Security cards and birthdates for the taxpayer, spouse and dependents.
- If married and filing a joint return, both spouses must be present.
- Wage and earnings statements: W-2, W-2G, and all Form 1099's received.
- Unemployment compensation, Form 1099G.
- Interest and dividend statements.
- Day care expenses paid in 2009 and the day care provider's name, address and federal ID number.
- Student loan interest payments.
- Record tuition or student loan payments, 1098-E.
- A copy of last year's federal and state returns.
- Record of any Sales Tax paid on new vehicles purchased in 2009.
- Record of any Real Estate Taxes paid in 2009.
- Record of any Economic Recovery Payment received from SSA, RRB or Veterans Administration.

For more information about the Northern Virginia CASH Campaign, please contact the Falls Church SkillSource Center at 703-533-5400; TTY 703-533-5316 or visit the Web site at www.nvacash.org.

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. To request this information in an alternate format, call the Department of Family Services at 703-533-5400; TTY 703-533-5316.

AARP TaxAide

AARP TaxAide is an all volunteer program that provides free tax counseling and preparation services for low and moderate income and elderly residents. The services will be available from February 1, 2010 through April 15, 2010 at various sites through Northern Virginia.

AARP TaxAide services will be provided at the following sites:

Super Sites	Operating Hours
Mason District Government Center 6507 Columbia Pike Annandale 22003	TU, WE, FR - 9:30am to 1pm SA - 9am to 1pm MO & TH – 1pm to 8pm Walk-in
Sherwood Regional Library 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane Alexandria 22306	MO thru SA – 10am to 2pm MO thru WE 4pm to 7pm Walk-in
Sun Trust Bank of Vienna 515 Maple Avenue Vienna 22180	MO thru FR 10am to 2pm Walk-in
Standard Sites	Operating Hours
Arlington Central Library 1015 N Quincy Street Arlington 22201	TU & TH 9:30am to 4pm
Centreville Regional Library 14200 St. Germaine Drive Centreville 20121	TH & SA 10am to 2pm TU 12noon to 7 pm Walk-in
Columbia Pike Branch Library 816 S Walter Reed Drive Arlington 22204	TU - 1:15 to 7:45pm TH - 10am to 2pm SA - 10am to 2pm Walk-in
Falcons Landing Senior Residence 20225 Falcons Landing Circle Sterling 20165	MO, TH & SA - 1 to 5pm Appointment Required
Manassas Senior Center 9320 Mosby Street Manassas 20110	TU & WE - 9am to 4pm Appointment Required
Reston Community Center 2310 Colts Neck Road Reston 20191	TU - 9 am to 2 pm TH - 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm SA - 9am to 3pm Walk in
Woodbridge Senior Center 13850 Church Hill Drive Woodbridge 22191	WE & TH 9:30am to 3pm Appointment Required
Cascades Library 21030 Whitfield Place Sterling 20165	TU & TH - 10am to 2pm Walk-in